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Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request your assistance in keeping a post office in the Hacker Valley area of Webster County, West Virginia. As you know the Hacker Valley post office has been situated in the community for many, many years. In fact it was established in 1856 – 153 years ago and has served the area, without interruption, all that time, almost 8 generations.

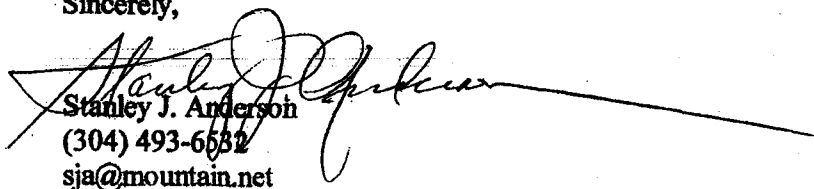
Our post office serves some 5 businesses within close proximity, a senior citizens center, a new elementary school (that is a model for rural elementary schools in the state), Holly River State Park (the second largest park in the state), and is located on the Mountain Parkway (designated as a byway by the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia Department of Transportation). Also, located nearby are the Hacker Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the Webster County Maintenance Sub-headquarters. The post office serves some eight distinct communities of Northern Webster County: Hacker Valley, Jerry's Run, Cleveland, Bender town, Hodam Creek, Wheeler, Replete and Cower Hill. Also, there are a number of cottage industry artists in the area who utilize the post office to mail orders for their crafts.

Hacker Valley is a small rural community that has been seriously working for the past 15 to 20 years on community improvement. Three 501 (c) (3) organizations, in particular, are actively working for the improvement of the area: Put Children First, Inc., Holly State Park Foundation, Inc. and the Northern Webster County Improvement Council, Inc. All three organizations hold charters issued by the West Virginia Secretary of State. Our area is widely known as a viable community that "pulls" together – businesses, the school, churches, organizations and citizens.

We sincerely want to keep a post office in our community. We trust that you will give your utmost consideration to our request. Losing our community post office would be a tremendous loss to our area. We want our community to progress, not regress. Certainly we don't want to go back 154 years!

We will appreciate anything you can do to help us retain a post office.

Sincerely,

  
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